

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 258  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George Allen Mills, Sr.  
of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of retired Oak Ridge Police Captain George Allen Mills, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mills was widely known for his zest for living, his commitment to education, and his dedication to serving the people of Oak Ridge and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in LaFollette, he and his family moved to Harlan County, Kentucky, in the 1920s; he worked for seven years as a coal miner there; and

WHEREAS, while living in Kentucky, Chief Mills married his high school sweetheart, the former Barnette Evans, in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mills moved to Oak Ridge in 1945 to serve as one of the first members of the civilian police force, which later became the Oak Ridge Police Department; he served with great distinction and integrity until his retirement in 1980, at which time he was a Captain serving as Chief of Detectives and Assistant Chief of Police; and

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WHEREAS, his many talents and interests were a great source of entertainment and fascination for those fortunate enough to know him; he dabbled in law, electronics, taxidermy, motel management, photography, boating, beekeeping, roses, and music, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to his community and his passions, Chief Mills was involved in numerous organizations in many different capacities; he was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1684; a charter member of the Anderson County Radio Communications Club; a charter member and past Commodore of the Oak Ridge Boat Club; and a member of two area motorcycle clubs; the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association; and the Fraternal Order of Police; he had also been honored with the distinction of FBI National Academy Associate, an honor he received for attending the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man, Chief Mills and his wife were charter members of Central Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a consummate family man, Chief George Mills was incredibly devoted to his loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mills was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Barnette, his son, George Mills, Jr., and his daughter, Sarah Lou Mills; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sons: Joe, and his wife Judy, Charles, and his wife Doris, and his daughter, Kathryn Horne, and her husband, Andy; his remarkable legacy is carried on through his 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to the bountiful life of this law enforcement professional, caring family man, and avid enthusiast of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of George Allen Mills, Sr. of Oak Ridge, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart commitment to making Tennessee a safer and better place for us all to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our most sincere condolences to the family of George Mills, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.